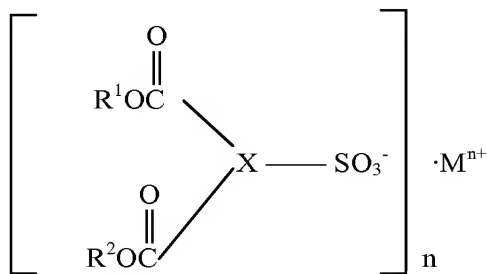


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously presented): An aliphatic polyester resin composition comprising aliphatic polyester resin and one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 given below:



each as nucleating agent for crystallization; where X is a residual group obtained by removing three hydrogen atoms from benzene, R¹ and R² are each hydrocarbon group with 1-6 carbon atoms, M is one or more selected from the group consisting of potassium atom, rubidium atom, barium atom, strontium atom and calcium atom, and n is 1 if M is alkali metal atom and 2 if M is alkali earth metal atom; said aliphatic polyester resin composition containing 0.01-5 weight parts of said one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 for 100 weight parts.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 1 wherein M is one or more selected from the group consisting of potassium atom and barium atom.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 1 having crystallization peak temperature by differential scanning calorimetry of 100-150°C and heat of crystallization of 20J/g or greater.

Claim 5 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 3 having crystallization peak temperature by differential scanning calorimetry of 100-150°C and heat

of crystallization of 20J/g or greater.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 1 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin has 60 molar % or more of structural units formed of aliphatic compounds having two or more ester-bond forming functional groups in the molecule.

Claim 7 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 4 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin has 60 molar % or more of structural units formed of aliphatic compounds having two or more ester-bond forming functional groups in the molecule.

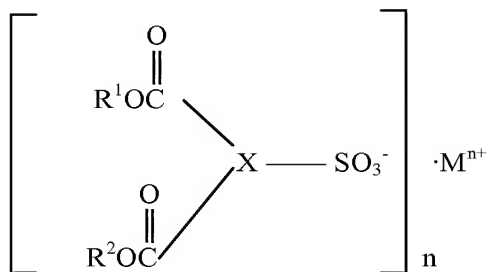
Claim 8 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 5 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin has 60 molar % or more of structural units formed of aliphatic compounds having two or more ester-bond forming functional groups in the molecule.

Claim 9 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 6 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid resins, polylactic acid based resins and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 7 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid resins, polylactic acid based resins and mixtures thereof.

Claim 11 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 8 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid resins, polylactic acid based resins and mixtures thereof.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A molded article of aliphatic polyester resin obtained by melt-molding an aliphatic polyester resin composition comprising aliphatic polyester resin and one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 given below:



each as nucleating agent for crystallization; where X is a residual group obtained by removing three hydrogen atoms from benzene, R¹ and R² are each hydrocarbon group with 1-6 carbon atoms, M is alkali metal atom or alkali earth metal atom, and n is 1 if M is alkali metal atom and 2 if M is alkali earth metal atom.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 12 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin composition contains 0.0001-20 weight parts of said one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 for 100 weight parts.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 13 wherein M is one or more selected from the group consisting of potassium atom, rubidium atom, barium atom, strontium atom and calcium atom.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 13 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin composition has crystallization peak temperature by differential scanning calorimetry of 100-150°C and heat of crystallization of 20J/g or greater.

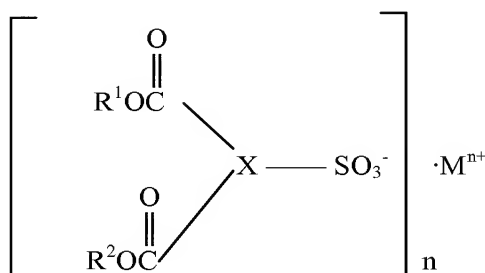
Claim 16 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 13 with absolute crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 30% or over and relative crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 80% or over.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 14 with absolute crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 30% or over and relative crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 80% or over.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 15 with absolute crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 30% or over and relative crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 80% or over.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A method of producing a molded article of aliphatic polyester resin, said method comprising the steps of:

melting an aliphatic polyester resin composition comprising aliphatic polyester resin and one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 given below:



each as nucleating agent for crystallization; where X is a residual group obtained by removing three hydrogen atoms from benzene, R¹ and R² are each hydrocarbon group with 1-6 carbon atoms, M is alkali metal atom or alkali earth metal atom, and n is 1 if M is alkali metal atom and 2 if M is alkali earth metal atom;

filling a mold at a temperature equal to or lower than the crystallization-initiating point by differential scanning calorimetry and equal to or above the glass transition temperature with the melted aliphatic polyester resin composition; and

obtaining said molded article while crystallizing the melted aliphatic polyester resin composition filling said mold.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The method of claim 19 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin composition contains 0.0001-20 weight parts of said one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 for 100 weight parts.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The method of claim 20 wherein M is one or more selected from the group consisting of potassium atom, rubidium atom, barium atom,

strontium atom and calcium atom.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The method of claim 20 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin composition has crystallization peak temperature by differential scanning calorimetry of 100-150°C and heat of crystallization of 20J/g or greater.